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SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO PHILIPPINES, MAY 2-4

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1. HAVING AGREED TO SUBJECT VISIT, GOP HAS REACTIVATED PROGRAM PLANNING AND IS INVITING U.S. VIEWS. EARLY RESPONSE COULD HELP KEEP DEVELOPMENTS ON TRACK.

2. GOP ASSUMES MAY 2 ARRIVAL MANILA WILL BE POST SUNSET AND THEREFORE TOO LATE FOR ELABORATE CEREMONIES, AND UNDERSTANDS THAT OFFICIAL PROGRAM DOES NOT COMMENCE UNTIL NEXT MORNING. NONETHELESS, PRESIDENT AND MRS. MARCOS EVIDENTLY PLANNING TO MEET AT AIRPOT.

3. GOP HAS JUST ADVISED US BATAAN DAY-CORREGIDOR DAY COMMEMORATION CEREMONY RESCHEDULED TO MAY 3 ON CORREGIDOR ISLAND WITH PARTICIPATION OF VICE PRESIDENT AS FEATURED SPEAKER ALONG WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS. ASSUME WE AGREE, OTHERWISE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED SOONEST SINCE GOP MIGHT THEN STILL WISH REVERT TO APRIL 15 CEREMONY.

4. EXPECT GOP WILL PROPOSE ROUNDTRIP TO CORREGIDOR VIA
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PRESIDENTIAL YACHT (ONE AND ONE HALF HOURS EACH WAY) OR COMBINATION HELICOPTER (HALF-HOUR) AND PRESIDENTIAL YACHT RETURN. IN LATTER CASE HOW DO WE RESPOND TO SUGGESTION VICE PRESIDENT TRAVEL WITH MARCOS IN PRESIDENTIAL HELICOPTER?

5. ADB PRESIDENT YOSHIDA ADVISES HE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR

CALL BY VICE PRESIDENT AT BANK MAY 3 OR MORNING MAY 4
WITH SLIGHT PREFERENCE FOR LATTER.

6. NUMBER OF AID AGREEMENTS COVERING A VARIETY OF
ATTRACTIVE PROJECTS COULD BE MADE READY FOR SIGNATURE
(GOP HAS SUGGESTED ABOARD PRESIDENTIAL YACHT) DURING VICE
PRESIDENT'S VISIT (MANILA 5808).

7. AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF PHILIPPINES IS INTERESTED
IN BREAKFAST OR OTHER SESSION WITH VICE PRESIDENT CONCERNING
VIEWS OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION ON "ROLE AMERICAN BUSINESS
OVERSEAS CAN PLAY IN OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF U.S. ECONOMY."

8. WE ASSUME FOLLOWING ITEMS LIKELY TO REAPPEAR IN UPDATED
GOP PROGRAM ARE ACCEPTABLE TO US: VISIT TO MANILA AMERICAN
CEMETARY AND MEMORIAL, WREATH-LAYING AT RIZAL NATIONAL
MONUMENT, STATE DINNER (WITH PRECEDING LOW-KEY GIFT EXCHANGE).

9. IF VICE PRESIDENT WISHES TO CONSIDER AT LEAST BRIEF
MEETING WITH INDEPENDENT INTELLECTUAL AND OPINION LEADERS
WE CAN MAKE SUITABLE PROPOSALS FOR WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION.

10. ADDITIONAL TIME IN REVISED SCHEDULE POSSIBLY WOULD
PERMIT VISIT TO PEACE CORPS ACTIVITY IN MANILA AREA; WE
WILL DEVELOP IF DESIRED.
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11. NOW WOULD BE MOST TIMELY JUXTURE TO REGISTER MRS.
MONDALE'S PROGRAM PREFERENCES. TO DEGREE SAME APPLIES
TO POSSIBLE SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR SON TED.

12. WILL THERE STILL BE ARRIVAL STATEMENT? GOP HAS
INQUIRED ABOUT DEPARTURE STATEMENT AND YDRM#AND TIMING
OF PRESS CONFERENCE,BUT NOT AS YET ABOUT COMMUNIQUE.
WOULD YOU CARE FOR US TO SUBMIT DRAFTS FOR CORREGIDOR
REMARKS AND STATE DINNER TOAST?

13. GOP WOULD APPRECIATE BIO DATA AND PHOTOS FOR VICE
PRESIDENT, MRS. MONDALE AND SON TED, TED'S BLOOD TYPE
AND ANYTHING YOU CAN TELL US AT THIS STAGE ABOUT COMPOSITION
OF OFFICIAL PARTY.

14. MAY WE ASSUME GOP OFFER OF LIMOUSINE FOR VICE
PRESIDENT WILL BE ACCEPTED?
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